

Michael F. Easley
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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS EIGHT MEMBERS TO MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES ADVISORY COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Mary Bennett** of Durham, **David Carr** of Carrboro, **James J. Gibson** of Wake Forest, **Dr. Robert K. McMahan Jr.** of Chapel Hill, **Judith Rizzo** of Chapel Hill, **Dr. William Scheslinger** of Durham, **Andrew Shepard** of Wilmington and **Joan Weld** of Currie to the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences Advisory Commission.

Bennett is senior vice president for operations and communications at Inspire Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Durham. She received her bachelor's degree in behavioral science from National Louis University and her master's degree in business administration from Duke University.

Carr is an associate professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science. He received his bachelor's degree in English literature from Drew University, his master's degree in psychology and education from Columbia University, and a master's degree of library science and doctorate degree in library and information studies from Rutgers State University of New Jersey.

Gibson is senior vice president and chief financial officer at the Research Triangle Institute. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the State College of New Jersey, master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California and law degree from Duquesne School of Law.

McMahan is a research professor in the department of physics and astronomy at UNC-Chapel Hill and a senior advisor to the governor for science and technology. He is executive director of the N.C. Board for Science and Technology and a member of the Energy Policy Council, American Physical Society, American Astronomical Society and the Society for Imaging Science and Technology. McMahan received his bachelor's degree in physics from Duke University and his doctorate of physics from Dartmouth.

Rizzo is the executive director of the James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is a graduate of Emmanuel College in Boston and received her master's degree from Middlebury College.